



Hearing Notice

Proposed Carbon Dioxide Mitigation Program for Fossil-Fueled Thermal Electric Generating Facilities (Chapter 173-407 WAC)

from Ecology's Air Quality Program

Background information

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing a new rule to implement a law passed by the 2004 Washington State Legislature. The law establishes a program to reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from both small and large power plants that burn fossil fuel and feed the state's power grid.

In Ecology's proposed rule, small power plants of less than 350 megawatts that sell to the state's power grid would be charged a fee to recover permitting authority costs. They would be asked to submit carbon-dioxide mitigation plans before their air quality permits could be approved. The proposed rule also establishes how carbon dioxide emissions would be calculated.

Under the new law, each small power plant may select from three options to offset its carbon dioxide emissions. They may make payments to a third party to provide the mitigation, they may purchase permanent carbon dioxide credits, or they may invest in applicant-controlled carbon dioxide mitigation projects, including cogeneration.

A copy of the proposed rule can be found on Ecology's web site at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/activity/wac173407.html>, or can be requested from Melissa McEachron, (360) 407-6860.

Hearing information

Ecology has scheduled a hearing to receive public comment on this proposed rule:

Tuesday, November 30, 2004
2:00 p.m.

Department of Ecology
Headquarters Building
Room A-36
300 Desmond Drive
Lacey, WA

Comments may be provided at the hearing or mailed, emailed, or faxed to Melissa McEachron, Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600; FAX (360) 407-7534; email mmce461@ecy.wa.gov. Comments must be postmarked by December 8, 2004.

For more information

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